

REMARKS

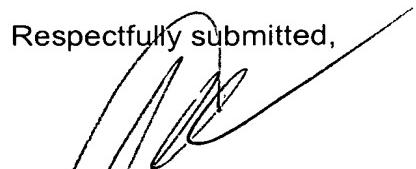
The Official Action of 16 November 2007 has been carefully considered and reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The indication that 20 and 24-35 are allowed and that claims 22 and 23 would be allowable, if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims, has been noted with appreciation. Applicant has now amended the claims by incorporating into the independent claims the subject matter which the Examiner has indicated to be allowable and deleting the rejected claims as follows:

1. The features of allowable claim 20 have been added to claim 17;
2. Claim 20 has been cancelled;
3. Claims 18 to 26 have been amended to define a system, not a support device, in view of the amendment to claim 17;
4. A new independent claim (36) has been added comprising the subject matter of claim 17 and allowable claim 22; and
5. A new independent claim (37) has been added comprising the subject matter of claim 17 and allowable claim 23.

In view of the above, the amendment to the claims removes all bases for rejection in accordance with the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter. An early notice of allowance is earnestly solicited and is believed to be fully warranted.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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